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EDITORIAL NOTES

THAT FEDERAL DRUG LAW.

Some of our readers may have overlooked the notice and warning in the last issue of the JOURNAL, for while we know it to be a fact that the pages of the STATE JOURNAL are widely read, we do not by any means believe that every issue is read in every page by every recipient! The law goes into effect March 1st, 1915, and it requires every druggist, physician, dentist and veterinarian to secure from the Collector of Internal Revenue of the district in which he lives, a Federal license to have in his possession, use, give away, sell or prescribe any opium or coca or any derivative or mixture thereof or containing any such article. It is very wide, very far-reaching and very drastic and the penalties attached to its violation are very severe. The license fee is small—only \$1.00—but it must be paid and a license secured every year so long as the law lasts. If you write a prescription for any mixture or preparation containing any salt of opium or coca—cocaine, heroin, morphine, etc.—the druggist cannot fill the prescription unless he has a license from the government, nor unless you have a license as well. It is unlawful for you to carry a hypodermic case with hypo tablets for emergency work, unless you have a Federal license to do so. It is unlawful for you to have in your office any of these sedative drugs, unless you have a Federal license. Conference with some

leading pharmacists discloses the fact that they intend to follow the law very literally; it is no joke to get into trouble with Uncle Sam. This is going to create a great deal of friction between physician and pharmacist unless the physician realizes that the law is the law and that he may not, practically, continue to practice his profession after March 1st unless he has applied for and secured the Federal license under the Harrison law. If you do not wish to be in hot water all the time, and have many unpleasant controversies with pharmacists, be sure to apply for your license before March 1st. You will not receive this number of the JOURNAL till after that date, so if you have not already got your license, get it at once. Any lawyer or banker can find out the name of the Collector of Internal Revenue of your district, and to him you should apply without delay. It is an annoyance, to be sure, but it is the law and it is easier and better and less annoyance to comply with it than to try to evade it. Inquiry at the Custom House in San Francisco, early in February, revealed the fact that the employees there were aware of the law but had received no instructions, blank forms, etc. Nevertheless, even if the government is a bit slow in getting its machinery to work, have your application in and on file and be sure that you are right and so protected. If you did not read the editorial notes on the subject in the February issue, get it and read them carefully.

THE EXPOSITION AND THE A. M. A.

The Panama-Pacific International Exposition opened as planned on February 20th, and in many ways it is without question the most remarkable and beautiful world's fair or exposition ever held. Of course you will wish to see it and of course you will see it. And if you can combine a pleasure trip with the object of seeing a thing so wonderful as the Exposition, with a profitable trip to yourself and your mental equipment, you will want to do so. That seems to be quite self evident. The American Medical Association will meet in San Francisco the third week in June—beginning June 21st. Now if you arrange your time sufficiently far in advance, you can go to San Francisco a week or so ahead of the meeting and see the Exposition and can also take in the scientific sessions of the A. M. A. Or you can come that week to the Exposition City, spend your time at the sessions of the A. M. A., and after the meeting, put in as much time as you can at the Exposition. There never has been an opportunity for you to get so much of profit and enjoyment out of one trip as you will have this coming June. Do not let it escape you.

OPINIONS REGARDING MEDICAL DEFENSE RULES.

A number of letters were written to members in various parts of the state, asking their personal opinion in regard to the rules established for the conduct of the medical defense work of the So-

ance of conservative drainage without immediate removal of the offending appendix if difficult to remove, and the idea of rectal drainage in cases presenting pus near the rectum were points emphasized. Finally the doctor demonstrated a specimen of an unusually large ovarian cyst for our modern surgical day, the most striking clinical feature of which had been its very rapid growth.

In the discussion that followed each member had an opportunity to narrate the interesting features of his unusual appendix cases—after which the meeting adjourned.

W. E. BIXLEY, Secretary.

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WASHOE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Reno, Nevada.

Minutes of the Washoe County Medical Society. Meeting of February 2, 1915.

Dr. M. F. Boyd made application for membership and was accepted. Nine members were reported dropped for non-payment of dues. C. Shee Way, one of the three Chinese recently arrested for practicing without complying with the medical law, was reported to have agreed to leave the State in consideration of his bail bond of \$500 being remitted. The charge against him was not dismissed. The prosecution of the remaining two Chinese will proceed in due time.

T. H. Brown, an advertising "Specialist" of the "blood disease and 606" type, was reported to have left town, and action in his case was ordered dropped.

General discussion of several proposed acts introduced in the Assembly followed. Mr. W. B. Alexander, secretary of the Mine Owners' Association, was present by invitation, and discussed the Industrial Act from the mine owners' standpoint.

It was decided to insist upon the proper authorities making full and careful investigation of all suspicious deaths.

W. L. SAMUELS, Sec'y.

A MISUNDERSTANDING.

To the State Journal of Medicine:

See in the December issue of the State Journal an article by Dr. John C. Spencer, entitled "Nothing New Under the Sun," in which he claims I have discovered something so old that he has forgotten the name of the technologist who originated it, I would like to justify myself before him and the readers of the Journal.

The following was printed in the Journal A. M. A. some months ago as paragraph No. 167, in the section of reviews of the current medical literature as published every month therein:

167. IMPROVED STAIN for TUBERCLE BACILLI—Mori regards the technic he describes as the best yet proposed, not only for its rapid action and reliability, but for the beauty of the results.

It is a modification of Ziehl's first method, differing by the formula of the fuchsin stain, and by the fact that all can be used cold, and that no sediment develops on standing. The carbol-fuchsin solution is made with 0.5 gm. fuchsin, 10 c.c. absolute alcohol, 2.5 gm. phenol and 100 c.c. distilled water.

The fuchsin is dissolved in the alcohol, the phenol is then added, and then the water is stirred in a little at a time, and the mixture is then set aside for twenty-four hours and then filtered. Differentiation is done with a 1% solution of sulphuric acid, and the contrast staining with a 1 to 4000 solution of methylene blue. Each fluid is applied in turn for ten or fifteen minutes, washing in water between.

In my article published in the California State Journal in November, 1914, under the head of "Staining Tubercle Bacillus," I made no claims to having discovered a new technic of staining the tubercle bacillus, but I simply claimed the modification of using a saturate solution of methylene blue for one minute for counter-staining instead of the 1 to 4000 solution of same as in Mori's method, the above modification being, of course, in connection with the Mori method.

L. M. RYAN, M. D.

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